

Claims:

1. Cutting apparatus in the form of a jigsaw, said jigsaw including a saw blade and a scrolling mechanism allowing movement of said saw blade between one or more required positions in use, said scrolling mechanism including at least first and second locking members, said locking members movable relative to each other between a first locked position, wherein the locking members are engaged and the position of the saw blade is substantially fixed, and a second unlocked position, wherein the locking members are disengaged and the position of the saw blade can be changed.
2. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1, the apparatus including one or more clamping members movable between a clamped position, wherein at least a portion of said tool component is secured in a required position in use, and an unclamped position, wherein said tool component portion is movable with respect to said clamping members, said clamping apparatus further including user actuation means which are slidably mounted on said apparatus for actuating sliding movement of said clamping members between said clamped and unclamped positions, characterized in that said clamping apparatus is attached to or integrally formed with shaft means which are substantially circular in cross section.
3. Cutting apparatus according to claim 2 characterized in that the shaft means form part of a tool with which the tool component is used in use.
4. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the shaft means forms part of or is connected to the scrolling mechanism for allowing movement of the clamping apparatus and thus rotational movement about the shaft longitudinal axis of the tool component between one or more required positions in use.

5. Cutting apparatus according to claims 4 characterized in that the shaft means is rotatably mounted with respect to the scrolling mechanism.
6. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the saw blade and shaft means on which the same is mounted is capable of undergoing reciprocal motion, which in turn allows reciprocal motion of the tool component in said clamped position.
7. Cutting apparatus according to claim 2 characterized in that the scrolling mechanism includes at least first and second locking members, said locking members moving relative to each other between a first locked position, wherein the locking members are engaged and the position of the clamping apparatus is substantially fixed, and a second unlocked position, wherein the locking members are disengaged and the position of the clamping apparatus can be adjusted.
8. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that scrolling actuation means are provided for allowing user actuated movement of at least one of said first and/or second members.
9. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that said first locking member is in the form of a locking arm or pin and said second locking member has at least one recess in which the locking arm or pin locates in said locked position.
10. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the second locking member is rotatably mounted in the tool.
11. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the second locking member is connected directly or indirectly via

mechanical connection means to the shaft means and rotation of the locking member results in rotation of the shaft means.

12. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the scrolling actuation means are connected either directly or indirectly via mechanical connection means to said first locking member and movement of said actuation means results in rectilinear movement of said first locking member.
13. Cutting apparatus according to claim 12 characterized in that said scrolling actuation means are in the form of a rotatable knob or lever and rotation thereof results in movement of said first locking member.
14. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that said user actuation means are resiliently biased, either directly or indirectly, to said clamped position.
15. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the user actuation means are connected to an intermediate member for movement therewith and said intermediate member is provided with engagement means for engaging with complementary engagement means on said clamping members in said clamped position.
16. Cutting apparatus according to claim 15 characterized in that the engagement means includes one or more protrusions provided on one of said clamping members or said intermediate member and one or more recesses provided on the other of said clamping members or said intermediate member.
17. Cutting apparatus according to claim 2 characterized in that said clamping members are pivotally mounted in said apparatus for

radial movement with respect to the longitudinal axis of said apparatus between clamped and unclamped positions.

18. Cutting apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the tool component is provided with at least one protruding portion at one end thereof and the apparatus includes at least one recess or aperture for location of said protruding portion therein.
19. Clamping apparatus according to claim 1 characterized in that the tool component is a saw blade.
20. A tool, said tool including clamping apparatus for clamping a tool component, said clamping apparatus including one or more clamping members movable between a clamped position, wherein at least a portion of said tool component is secured in a required position in use, and an unclamped position, wherein said tool component portion is movable with respect to said clamping members, said clamping apparatus further including user actuation means which are slidably mounted in said apparatus for actuating sliding movement of said clamping members between said clamped and unclamped positions, characterized in that said clamping apparatus is attached to or integrally formed with shaft means which are substantially circular in cross section.
21. A tool according to claim 19 characterized in that said tool is a reciprocating saw or jigsaw.